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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/879,510	BROWN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Niketa I. Patel	2181	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

#### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2005.

2a) This action is **FINAL**.      2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 4-8 and 26-31 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 4-8 and 26-31 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 12 June 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:

- 1) Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- 2) Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 4-8 and 26-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over East et al. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0061323 A1 (herein after referred to as “*East*”), and further in view of Sekiguchi et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0237086 A1 (hereinafter “*Sekiguchi*”).

1. **Referring to claims 4, 26,** *East* teaches a networked computer system comprising: (A) a server computer system that includes model configuration settings that specify desired configuration settings for a computer system [see paragraph 47 and figure 4, elements 210AB-B]; (B) a plurality of endpoint computer system coupled to the server computer system, each endpoint computer system including corresponding configuration settings [see paragraph 47 and figure 4, elements 200A-N]; (C) a system administration workstation [see paragraph 47 and figure 4, elements 202A-C] including a graphical user interface [see paragraphs 52, 81] for administration of the configuration settings of the plurality of endpoint computer systems, the graphical user interface including at least one display panel that allows a user to select the model configuration settings [see paragraphs 52, 57-59], that allows a user to select form the plurality of endpoint computer system for comparison with the model configuration settings [see paragraphs 52, 57-59, 8-10], that display difference between the selected endpoint computer

system and the model configuration settings, that allows a user to select form the selected endpoint computer system for updating [see paragraphs 76, 52, 57-59, 8-10, 76], and that automatically updates the configuration settings of the endpoint computer systems selected for updating according to the model configuration settings [see paragraphs 52, 57-59, 8-10.]

*East* does not teach operating system configuration settings and wherein the endpoint computer system includes a plurality of operating system, however *Sekiguchi* teaches these limitations [see *Sekiguchi* paragraphs 0026, 0088, 0125, ‘fist and second OS settings’] in order to allow various types of operating systems, some of which are excellent in batch processing, some excellent in time sharing system (TSS) and some excellent in graphical user interface (GUI) to be used on a single computer [see *Sekiguchi* paragraphs 0003-0004.]

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant’s invention would have clearly recognized that it is quite advantageous for the system of *East* to include operating system configuration settings and wherein the endpoint computer system includes a plurality of operating system in order to allow various types of operating systems, some of which are excellent in batch processing, some excellent in time sharing system (TSS) and some excellent in graphical user interface (GUI) to be used on a single computer. It is for this reason that one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to implement *East*’s system by including operating system configuration settings and wherein the endpoint computer system includes a plurality of operating system in order to allow various types of operating systems, some of which are excellent in batch processing, some excellent in time sharing system (TSS) and some excellent in graphical user interface (GUI) to be used on a single computer.

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2. **Referring to claims 5, 28,** teachings of *East* as modified by the teachings of *Sekiguchi* teaches the networked computer system wherein the server computer system further includes a configuration mapping mechanism that maps at least one configuration settings for at least one computer system to the model configuration settings [see paragraphs 52, 57-59, 8-10.]
3. **Referring to claims 6, 29,** teachings of *East* as modified by the teachings of *Sekiguchi* teaches the networked computer system wherein the configuration mapping mechanism maps at least one configuration settings in a first computer platform to at least one corresponding configuration setting in a second computer platform [see paragraphs 52, 57-59, 8-10.]
4. **Referring to claims 7, 30,** teachings of *East* as modified by the teachings of *Sekiguchi* teaches the networked computer system wherein the at least one configuration setting for each endpoint computer system comprises system settings and customization settings [see paragraphs 50.]
5. **Referring to claim 8, 27, 31,** teachings of *East* as modified by the teachings of *Sekiguchi* teaches the networked computer system further comprising a computer program running on each computer system selected for updating, the computer program sending status of any requested update of configuration settings to the graphical user interface [see paragraph 78.]

***Response to Arguments***

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 4-8 and 26-31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Niketa I. Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272 4156. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

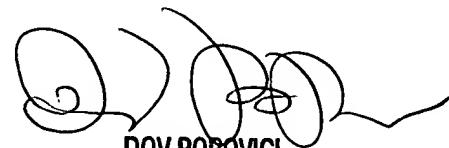
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici can be reached on (571) 272 4083. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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